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Pittsburg Landing Tenn

April 10th 1862

Mr Dear

Mother

I have but a few moments
to write to you and let you
now that I am in the
land of the Living we have
had a fight and a big one
to we have lost one man killed
out of our company and
three wounded John Mullen
was killed Mike Connahan
shot in the hip Charles
Vanschoick shot in arm
Daniel Logan wounded in the
head these men will all get
well I think poor Mullen
was shot in the forehead and
fell face forward ^{most} towards the
enemy I will not try to give

any particulars now
for it would take a
month the dead and wounded are
all over a field of more than
twelve miles square and
you could not walk more
than ten spaces without
tramping on them our Army
Regiment were marching
for about seven days
to get hear and got hear
on monday morning about
fore o'clock and went into
the fight I will write again
to morrow as the
mail boy is waiting

Your most affectionate
Son

W. L. Patterson
1st or

Mrs Julia Patterson
Doughton
Ohio